

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of) Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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HIROYASU et al.) Confirmation No.: 1508
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Serial No. 10/599,604) Art Unit: 1793
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Filing or 371(c) Date: October 3, 2006) Examiner: Group
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For: METHOD OF SURFACE MODIFICATION FOR THERMAL SHOCK RESISTANCE
 AND MEMBER THEREOF

June 2, 2008

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 13, 2008 indicates that the amendment document of October 4, 2006 is non-compliant because amended drawings are not properly identified. However, the amendment document of October 4, 2006 does not contain amendments to the drawings. Applicants acknowledge submitting a photograph along with amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims on October 4, 2006, but no amendment to the drawings was requested or intended. The photograph was included only to ensure that the Office had in its file the best quality drawing in the event there was any problem with the drawings originally submitted via EFS-Web. In other words, please enter the amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims submitted October 4, 2006, but do not enter any amendments to the drawings. Applicants wish to proceed at this time with the drawings as originally filed.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-3913. Please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,
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